

POLITICIANS

Amused at Camouflage Thrown Out
by Morrow and Republican
Machine.

Reformers Allow Phone Gouge But
Oppose Raise For Street Car
Company.

Col. Petty's Bible Class Lecture the
Prologue of Dizzy Keystone
Whirl.

KEYSTONES GO ON A RAMPAGE

Howdy Ed Morrow, Kentucky's Governor, who hears the distinction of being elected in one year by a 40,000 majority and repudiated by the same voters the next, was in the political limelight this week. Morrow said that he was opposed to calling an extra session of the Legislature because of the burden it would impose on the taxpayers, this causing much amusement. The real objection to calling the extra session is not because of the burden to the taxpayers, but because the Hart-Searcy-Clifton machine can not muster enough strength to put over the redistricting bill. In the House the Republicans have a majority, but in the Senate it is a tie vote, 19 and 19. During the regular session Senator Burton, a Democrat from Grant county, voted with the Republicans, and Lieut. Gov. Ballard would cast the deciding vote, as per example when his vote decided the voting certificate repeal law, which gave the negroes the privilege of voting three or four times to the white man's once. But now Burton refuses to perform for the Republican machine any more, and the fact that if he did the nineteen Democrats could block the machine measure by leaving the hall, was put a quietus on the redistricting jobbery. And Howdy Ed said it was because he wanted to save the taxpayers money. Today he returns from Marion, where he was sent to try to persuade Harding to put Tobe Holt in his Cabinet. Morrow carrying a nice little scrap book of the Herald effusive editorials and all the nice things said about Toke at the Ballard flour mill dinner.

Reform works in a mysterious way and no one can prejudice or explain the moves of a real reformer. The Cumberland and Home Telephone and the Street Car Companies have been bombarding the city administration on their rates. The phone companies want a contribution of their war rate, which means big money to them, while the Street Car Company wants its first raise in fares. Now here is the mystery. Near Mayor Smith and nearly the entire administration have worked untiringly in favor of the phone companies, but are bitter opponents of the Street Car Company. In the Board of Aldermen Tuesday evening Lawton and Thatcher, of the City Attorney's office, and the other two who were asked point blank by President Kirwan as to which he was representing, the taxpayers from whom he is a servant or the Cumberland Telephone Company. Professional men, business men and those representing civic organizations bitterly opposed the telephone gouge, calling attention to the big reductions now going on in wages and commodities. The mention of the big reduction in wages, the unemployment, the general hard times since Harding's election didn't seem to sit well with the Aldermen or County Attorney Matt Chilton, Paul Burlingame, Fire Chief Neuschwander and the others who were flitting in and out of the city hall despite the protests of the citizens. Aldermen Johnson, Miller, Morton, Scherdel, Schoppenhorst, Vici and Willson voted for the phone gouge.

The scene shifted to the lower board, where the reformers are not so suave or smooth as the gentlemen who comprise the upper board, and their attempts to make the taxpayers swallow the sugar coated pill of higher taxes were amusing. First they emphasized their regard for near Mayor Smith and his colleagues, then they asked for the same tax rate as this past year. Then the attempted hokum performance began. The leading statesman of the board, Honorable Nicholas Denunzio, majestically arose to his feet and told how much this administration was doing for the schools, the city to get only \$1.40 and the schools to get sixty cents of the \$2 tax rate. Then Councilman McIntosh and President Jake Isaacs tried their hand at hypnotizing the taxpayers into believing that they were getting a low tax rate. The burden of all their talk was that the taxpayer must forget all about the fifty cents for the schools. In other words, if you are a taxpayer you must convince yourself that you are only paying a \$1.40 tax rate, and the other sixty cents come from Santa Claus or some good fairy. The \$2 tax rate should stand as a pillar of reform to near Mayor Smith and his fellow-reformers who are elected on a platform of lower taxes and economy. The new tax rate is the highest in the history of the city of Louisville, and to make it doubly burdensome assessments have been raised to a top notch figure.

Pride goeth before a fall and no one realizes this better than Chief of Police Petty, who just would persist in going around to Bible class meetings on Sunday and proudly telling the good brothers and sisters what a splendid, efficient, moral police department we had. At the conclusion of his remarks the augmented Keystone orchestra would

pander those inspiring selections: "Just So the Crooks Get By" and "The Long, Long Trail of the Bootleggers." The only criticism of this band is that all of its renditions have a flavor of "Turkey in the Straw" running through them, and some unkind critics say that's because the hank performers played only at Podunk dances until a year or two ago when they came to town to be a city constable, by gosh! But back to Col. Petty's fall. Sunday morning he addressed the Bible class of the Portland Presbyterian church and the Louisville Herald Monday morning said in part: "Col. Petty paid tribute to the men of the police department and their willingness to give the city the best in them." But in justice to Col. Petty be made one statement that all will agree with. He said that his police department could not please everybody. Bravely spoken, Chief, as all will agree with you that the Keystone cops are not pleasing everybody. But, anyway, Col. Petty got wide advertisement from his Sunday Bible class lecture, but the Keystoneers spoiled it all as usual.

The morning papers carried the story of Col. Petty's Bible class address, but Monday evening the newsboys on the corners were shouting: "Polper, polper, all about big police scandals." In the Fifth police district Patrolmen Paul McQuady and Bill Lee staged a battle royal while making a post at Jackson and Roselane. How the big army of crooks in our midst would have enjoyed that spectacle. With club and gun the two Keystoneers walloped each other all over the street and when the smoke of battle cleared away Lee had to be taken to the hospital and McQuady had to be taken home for repairs. Then the censor got on the job. When reporters called up Capt. Helmerding, of the Fifth district, he denied all knowledge of a fight and said there were no police of that name on his roll call. The cause of the fight which left that district unprotected is unknown. It is said by some that Leo and McQuady fought over as to who raised the best crops "back hum," while others say the argument was as to who was the most valuable to a street car—the notman or the conductor. Neither will be punished severely by the Board of Safety, which follows its Kentucky rule of putting all drunkards back on again when the public isn't looking, two of that kind last week being appointed. The board list contained the names of the two drunken cops picked up at Eighteenth and Kentucky several months ago. And to add to Petty's misery the Times said that he must look to his police. How about Burlingame, Johnson and Sellman, of the Board of Safety, who reappointed three police fired for drunkenness in the past two weeks and refused to punish those who escaped fugitive from Tennessee serving on the police force?

With Monday's story of Col. Petty's lecture on his efficient police was a card from R. D. Wigginton in the Courier-Journal, who said that if he were a housebreaker, bank robber or murderer he would locate in Louisville, as four notorious bank robbers had just lived for four months on East Magnolia avenue without molestation. Incidentally they lived across the street from Patrolman Claude Beanhlossom, who resides at 325 Magnolia. Here's another funny angle in connection with Chief Petty's lecture. In the same Courier-Journal of Monday with Petty's address all of the police captains were interviewed and they all agreed in saying that Louisville had one of the best and most intelligent departments in the country. Then came the deluge. Robbery after robbery came Monday and the only one that was a bigger robbery was into a jewelry store on East Market street. And the censor never let this get out. Pierce was a fireman appointed by the present Board of Safety. As for the alibi of the Captain, there is a bigger robbery of crime here than possibly any other city this size in the country, but the public is not given the news of

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HOLIDAY VISITORS.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Flaherty arrived Tuesday evening from Great Falls, Mont., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William M. Higgins and Miss Hattie Higgins, 119 East Burnett avenue. Before returning they will visit Col. and Mrs. Thomas W. Cline, Audubon Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Higgins, 1600 Wood avenue.

John Hallahan, who is a student at St. Molnrad's College, is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallahan, Portland avenue.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA.

The Daughters of Isabella will entertain their friends with a subscription dance next Tuesday evening at the Tyler hotel. The chaperones will be Mesdames W. T. Meahan, J. B. Arbesart, J. C. Hood, John Hollan, Joseph Mulhall, Henry Schimpf, Frank Walters, Joseph Spangler and Misses Margaret Boyle, Annelle Cochran, Frances Shanley, Dorothy Sehon.

BASKETBALL.

In fast games played Tuesday night the Catholic Basketball League developed several surprises. Parthos and star plays were featured, and each of the six teams showed improvement that promises close and exciting games for the balance of the season. Meakin County holds the lead, with St. K. Bertrand and Trinity tied for second place, and K. of C. and Vernon bringing up the rear.

VISITED BY SENIORS.

The seniors of the Holy Rosary Academy left Monday for Springfield, where they attended the hazard given by St. Catherine's Academy and greatly enjoyed their visit.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.



Tories and pro-English preach a policy that John Bull practices in his own way.

QUAKERS

Declare Themselves Horrified at Misrule That Prevails Throughout Ireland.

Three Inquirers For Society of Friends Tell of Ruins They Saw Everywhere.

Sir Horace Plunkett Will Appear Before the Washington Commission.

BROKE INTO PRIEST'S HOUSE.

All liberal elements in England, especially the numerous and influential sect of Quakers, are horrified by revelations of military misrule in Ireland, says Paul J. Furnas, a delegate to the World Conference of the Society of Friends recently held in London. Mr. Furnas, a resident of New York, is treasurer of the General Food Products Company of that city. He appeared before the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland in Washington last week. "At the outset of the conference a delegation of three English Friends was appointed to investigate Ireland and report to the conference. They were John Barry, Roger Clark and Edith Ellis, a sister of Lady Palmer. Their report, which was unanimously approved by the conference, absolutely horrified the delegates, most of whom were English men and women. They found two complete governments in Ireland, one the republican, supported by at least 50 per cent. of the people; the other, or crown government, they found confined to a few well-guarded urban centers and resting upon a constant campaign of murder, lawlessness and intimidation. The investigations included Dublin, Belfast, Limerick, Cork and Galway. Everywhere they saw the ruins of burned houses and buildings. Children are driven terror-stricken into the fields and woods to seek safety at night."

Mrs. Nellie Craven, of No. 1701 Rhode Island avenue, Washington, who returned on November 3 from a visit to her parents in Hartford, Conn., gave the following testimony: "Hartford is a tiny place. Only about thirty 'Black and Tans' were stationed there. On September 13 the curfew law was imposed. A few days later the 'Black and Tans' raided our house, took away my youngest brother, a lad of nineteen, who had never been identified with Sinn Fein, stripped him of his clothes and beat him with the butts of rifles until several teeth were knocked out, and he was unconscious. We carried him home and he did not totally recover consciousness till the next day. I think they were looking for his older brother, who was a volunteer, and were sore at not finding him. On October 19 they raided the home and public house of my cousin, Michael Walsh, in Galway, smashed everything in the place, took all the money and checks in the till, and other money they found in the house. After getting very drunk they took him away with them. Next day his body, with a bullet hole in the temple, was found floating in the quay."

HOLY FATHER

Sends Christmas Greetings to the Catholic Press and the American People.

Cardinal Gibbons Sees New Light 'Piercing the Darkness of the Age.'

Cardinal O'Connell Says Christ Child Still Leads the World on Christmas.

UNSHAKEN FAITH IN AMERICA.

The Press and Publicity Department of the National Catholic Welfare Council has received by cable from His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV., the following Christmas greeting to the Catholic press, and to the faithful and to the whole American people: "With the utmost satisfaction we take the opportunity of the approaching sweet Christmas time to send our paternal greetings to the newspapers adherent to the National Catholic Welfare Council of the United States of America, and through them to the faithful, and to the whole American people. We heartily wish that the said newspapers, under the wise and paternal guidance of the Episcopate, may develop ever more widely their action for the good of the people and the defense of the patrimony of doctrine and charity held by the Catholic Church for the benefit of humanity. Well acquainted with the serious purposes of American Catholics and their devotion towards this Apostolic See, while we send to them our paternal benediction we express the wish that their activity in the fertile field of the press may bear ever more abundant fruits and, like the evangelical mustard seed, grow into a strong and mighty tree which under the shadows of its branches will gather all the souls thirsting after truth. All the hearts healing for the good."

TODAY'S MASSES.

All should remember that today, the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is a holy day of obligation, and Catholics are bound to assist at the holy sacrifice. In all the churches of the diocese there will be special masses from 5 to 10:30 o'clock this morning, and Christmas musical programmes in each. Christmas day is distinguished above all other liturgical festivals by having appointed for it three masses in place of one. On Christmas day he is blessed to celebrate and to communicate three times over. In most churches and chapels, he they ever so humble, there will be placed in the sanctuary or at a side altar the representation of the crib or stable of Bethlehem. In many of the churches the cribs are very beautiful, costing hundreds of dollars. But simple or not, the "creche" tells the same story of the infant Jesus born in the manger, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, kneeling near, with adoring shophers from the hillsides, and aloft the angels bearing the Christmas message, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!"

HELPING WAR VICTIMS.

Offerings will be received tomorrow in the Catholic churches in every country in the world on behalf of the children in all countries, who are suffering because of the World War. The day has been fixed in an encyclical letter issued to the church by Pope Benedict. The date fixed is the Sunday preceding Holy Innocents' day, December 28. The appeal of the Pontiff this year differs from that of last year in that it includes a request for help for children in every country devastated by the war, while that of 1919 asked for help only for the children of Central Europe.

Man religion on its human side; and good will means a true willingness to be just, and to be charitable. Justice and Charity are the twin pillars of Christian civilization. They are set up in the hearts and the minds and the Christian follows, and if Christians are true to the principles of justice and charity they will leave the whole world with the spirit of Christ; they will reflect the light of Christ throughout the darkest places; and will accomplish their one great duty in life, namely, to love the Lord God and his children, their fellow men. Let us rejoice that the Great War's terrible aftermath of private sorrow and public calamity shows signs of being lessened, and that the light of hope may be discerned through the darkness of the age. Particularly in our own dear land do we perceive this light, and if we are true to its inspiration we may extend its blessings to other nations less favored by Almighty God. I face our future not only without apprehension, but with unshaken faith in our American institutions, because these are based upon the message of Christianity.

From Cardinal O'Connell: Over nineteen hundred years ago, in a cave in the heart of the hills of Bethlehem, Mary, the mother of God, "brought forth her first-born and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger."

The Word was made flesh and came to dwell amongst us. The heavens shone with glory and resounded with the song of angel choirs. A few shepherds, to whom the Angel of the Lord had assigned tidings of great joy, knelt in reverence to the Saviour of mankind. Heaven and earth were united in the angelic message of "Peace on earth to men of good will."

To the Infant Christ, in the humility of the manger, the shepherds gave full possession of their hearts, for they were the children of God. The little Child of Bethlehem had come to his own and his own gladly received Him. There was no room for Him in the Inn at Bethlehem, but there was welcome, peace and adoration in the hearts of those who had been awaiting the fulfillment of the Words of the Prophet. Pity indeed it is that, but welcome, peace and adoration were but for a day, and that Bethlehem should grow cold to the hearts of men. But the coming of the Christ Child was not to be in vain. The Infant in swaddling clothes was to warm for all time the hearts of those who would but follow Him. Down through the course of the centuries the host of shepherds multiplied and each recurring Christmas found at the crib of Bethlehem the Infant who was to bring redemption. Satan and the powers of darkness waned a constant war, and though at times victory seemed about to set upon their banners, the "light that shone in the darkness" was blinding and scattered them. In our own time the world has felt the shock of Satan's cohorts. For a time she seemed stunned—hated, dimensions and envy appeared about to crush her, but once again she is turning her face toward Bethlehem and is picking up and wearing the frayed and tattered mantle of charity and fraternal co-operation that once more she may put on the mantle of her Creator. May the coming Christmas bring to humanity a lasting recognition of the only hope of salvation and a complete conversion to "The Way, the Truth and the Life." On Christmas the Christ Child is leading. It is the day of incarnate love, the day that has made us brothers in Christ, the day which fills our hearts with the peace of heaven. That peace, and that peace alone, has left the impress of true happiness on the world throughout the long, long years. It will never fail to warm the hearts of the children of light and be to them an inspiration and a benediction.

PROVIDE FOR ORPHANS.

More than 100,000 orphans in the United States and Canada will be provided with Christmas cheer in various forms, according to estimates made by Supreme Secretary William J. McGinley, of the Knights of Columbus. "Subordinate councils of the K. of C. are signaling their complete turning from war to wholly peace work by making a united drive for orphanages in hundreds of American and Canadian orphanages," he announced. "In all parts of the country local chapters and councils of the Knights are arranging to visit orphanages on Christmas day with gifts of toys, candy and clothing. It is the largest unified Christmas gift movement that councils of the K. of C. have yet undertaken. More than fifty orphanages will receive toys from the K. of C. toy shop for shell-shocked soldiers at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C."

BOSTON HONORS WIDOW.

Thousands of sympathizers with the cause of Ireland paid tribute to Mrs. MacSwiney on Sunday in the South Station to an uptown hotel, and 10,000 more gathered at night in Mechanics' Hall to hear Miss MacSwiney. Mrs. MacSwiney, who had been announced as a speaker, did not appear, remaining at her hotel.

TESTIFY AS TO BURNING.

Eyes witnesses of the burning of Cork are expected in Washington to testify before the Commission of the Committee of One Hundred investigating conditions in Ireland the week of December 26.

CONFIRMED

Statement of President-Elect Harding Interpreted as Endorsement of Bill.

Government Should Extend Aid For Education of All the Children.

Opposition Not Confined to Avowed Advocates of Parochial Schools.

AIMS HAVE BEEN VEILED.

Additional weight is added to the frank avowal of aims, heretofore frequently veiled by the publication of a statement in the October issue of the N. E. A. Bulletin, given by President-elect Harding, to a committee appointed by the N. E. A. and interpreted as an endorsement of the aims of the N. E. A., regarding the discussed bill. According to the Bulletin, Harding, having been appealed to to endorse the Smith-Towner bill, said: "I have committed myself to the creation of a Department of Public Welfare as a necessary governmental agency for the promotion of the social justice and human welfare. Without interfering in any way with the control and management of public education by the States, the Federal Government should extend aid to the States for the promotion of physical education, the Americanization of the foreign born, the eradication of illiteracy, the better training of teachers and for promoting free educational opportunities for all the children of all the people." While this statement is vague and dangerously indefinite, it is perhaps more than non-committal on the Smith-Towner bill; at any rate, it shows the tendency we have proven to be at the bottom of the Smith bill. And the N. E. A. is using it as an endorsement of the measure.

This use of Harding's statement is characteristic of the tactics employed by the N. E. A., as is also the use of the words "co-operation with the States" and "encouragement of education in the States." It is likewise characteristic of their policy to insinuate that opposition to the bill in question is confined to the avowed advocates of the parochial schools. The Chicago School Review refers to the Bulletin of the National Education Association as laying great stress "on the fact that the parochial school interests are opposed to the bill and that the bill is being misrepresented by some who say that it will curtail the control." As a matter of fact, the wide-awake friends and patrons of the parochial schools, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, can not help seeing that the bill threatens the existence of private and Catholic parochial schools. But they neither were nor are alone in their attitude of opposition. We remind the readers of the strong opposition voiced by Dean Barry, of Cincinnati University; Bird S. Coler, and lately by President Harding, of Yale; by President Hilborn of Trinity; by Finley, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, and by W. A. Sudd, one of the speakers, addressing the American Bankers' Association. None of these men are identified with Catholic parochial schools, at any rate, and their position should raise them above the suspicion of being swayed by "parochial school interests." Moreover, the arguments advanced in our pamphlet, "For the Freedom of Education," are none of them arguments reflecting the interests of the parochial schools "per se." They are all arguments based on the position taken by the writers as citizens, as champions of the rights of parents and of the States as champions of democratic distribution of power rather than centralization of power, and as antagonists of State Socialism.

In fact, it appears that even though N. E. A. has begun to understand that the bill in its present form can not stand the test of criticism based on the broad ground of American ideals. For suggestions and petitions for revision of the bill have been given expression in a friendly to the bill and to the N. E. A. But a revision seems impossible without emasculating the bill, because the tendency we have charged the bill with fostering is so vitally inherent in it as to make revision futile. It is for this reason that America, in its editorial columns, tactfully suggests a compromise involving the following points: Eliminate the \$100,000,000 annual appropriation. Strip the proposed secretary of all power to review, obliging him to accept any educational programme the State may wish to present. Deny him all power to examine the schools in any State or to require reports from any State. Don't make him a Cabinet officer at all. The Smith-Towner bill, thus amended, would no longer be the same bill. It being possible to compromise on it, there remains nothing but open, active opposition. Let every friend of freedom of education advise his representatives in the Congress that they must oppose this bill and similar bills reflecting the same tendencies. It is the duty of American citizens to watch and work and pray against a centralization which will rob this nation of the constitutional liberty of education is seriously endangered. "Internal vigilance is the price of liberty."

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GOOD WILL.

Christmas is above all else the season of good will. The Saviour Himself gave us the greatest example of universal good will and of compassion for all mankind by his coming to earth and remaining among us, clad with our infirmities. Walking in the footsteps of our Saviour, cultivation good will towards all, is, as Bennett says, "the augmentation of one's own happiness." In a day of greed and sordid self-seeking, the inspiring example of the Godman should awaken Christian hearts to the duty of practicing that good will and that attitude of benevolence towards all which are at the same time the surest way to happiness. In serving others we serve ourselves. In practicing "good will" towards all, especially the lowliest and poorest of God's children, we gain his grace and love. "Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these, my least brethren, you did it to me." And this is the message of this great day of gladness. "We shall legitimately bear in mind therefore that Christmas, in addition to being the feast of St. Friend, is even more profoundly the feast of one's own welfare."

DISAGREES WITH MULLINS.

The Friends of Irish Freedom disputed the story of Dr. E. Y. Mullins, the local Baptist minister, who returned last week from Europe and pictured Ireland as a land of prosperity, but acknowledging that he had taken dinner with Premier Lloyd George, England's hypocritical Prime Minister. Now here comes Miss Ruth Roland, a trained newspaper woman of Chicago, who gives the following testimony in regard to conditions in Ireland after several months' investigation:

The Sinn Fein leaders are the most brilliant group of men I have ever encountered. Many, including Arthur Griffith and George Russell, are Protestants. I found no religious issue anywhere except in Ulster, where it is artificially maintained by large employers of labor.

Miss Russell gave a terrible picture of poverty in Ireland, declaring that women embroidery workers were often paid as little as \$1.25 a week, and can not afford to wear hats and shoes.

She made numerous attempts to obtain work just to see what would happen. Invariably, she testified, she was told that nothing was available except domestic service at \$50 per year.

GOLDSTEIN IS SANGUINE.

David Goldstein, of Boston, a foremost worker in the Knights of Columbus campaign against organized radical extremes, has been touring the South like an apostle of old. So far he has covered the States of Alabama and Georgia, and is now penetrating Florida. His reports to K. of C. headquarters show that the treatment he receives, while spiritually hostile as a rule, is none the less courteous. He has never met with physical violence or even with open discourtesy, although he has been stormed with questions that reveal the impassioned dislike of certain sections of the South for a class of citizens they do not well understand. His frank report is that there is great need for education in the remote sections of the South, for civic education that will remove prejudice that makes life uncomfortable for the Catholic and Jewish minorities in these places. When the people of these places have their questions answered reasonably they are frank to admit their errors, but it is impossible for one man to reach them—the hardest cases refuse to go to the meetings. But Goldstein is sanguine. The people are receptive once they can be reached, and he predicts that the efforts of any organization to promote prejudice or to solidify into social and political action the prejudice already existing will be frustrated by an extension of the forum work and the co-operation of the Southern press. He will spend the winter in the South conducting his K. of C. campaign against religious and racial prejudice.

FIFTY-FIFTY.

The farmers of the Middle West who face immense losses on the crop they have just produced are in no pleasant frame of mind at present. They believe that they have been made the victims of a gigantic conspiracy of grain gamblers. We suspect that some of the grain speculators have fared even worse than the farmers. Grain gambling is an

evil that should be restrained by law if it can be reached. On a small scale, some of the farmers are the worst offenders in this line. Well, the innocent are suffering with the guilty in these times.

ENGLISH BRUTALITY.

The sad condition in Ireland grows worse every day. Indiscriminate killing of innocent citizens by Lloyd George's Black and Tan savages seems to be a pastime for the brutes. Now that Congress will convene in a few days, we still hope that some American statesman will rise to the occasion and take steps to at least in a measure put a stop to Irish massacres and burning up of villages, creameries and factories. The acts of the Black and Tan devils (with apologies to the dogs of that species) rival in fiendish brutality the atrocities of the Turks on the Armenians and others. The reading public fully realizes that Irish independence is not a local issue with England, but is international and world-wide in its scope. We have an abiding faith in American statesmanship and love of justice, and we still hope that some man or coterie of patriotic Senators and Congressmen will take measures to recognize the Irish Republic and thus end the civil war in distressed Erin.

CONDITIONS DEPLORABLE.

Few chapters in the history of the world have been so bloody, so gloomy, so filled with the annals of man's inhumanity as the recent record of events in Ireland. Conditions have never, since the beginning of the English occupation, been anything but deplorable; there has never been a time when the natives were not oppressed. They have been kept in poverty, in ignorance—so far as that is within the power of the ruling country—and under a crushing burden of taxation. So wretched has been their treatment and so cordial their hate of the oppressors that the population of the island is less than half what it was in brighter times. Its people have been scattered over the far surfaces of the globe: Australia, Canada, South America, and more particularly the United States have absorbed them and found them citizens of the highest type. They are happy in their new countries, but they have always at heart the welfare of those not so fortunate in getting away from the old sod.

It is not the business of the United States to tell the people of the British Isles what they shall do for their political welfare. On this point the Shelby Record can not believe that it is the function of the Government of the United States to demand that Ireland be set up a free nation, republic, soviet or monarchy. But humanity knows no boundaries, as hunger knows no law, and we believe that a note of protest against the killing, pillaging and burning in that distressed country might have a salutary effect on the English Government. Whatever may be said of the offenses of the Irish, they are entitled to better treatment than the Germans gave the Belgians.

UP AGAINST IT.

With the reign of crime sweeping the country the prohibition fanatics are going to have a hard time compiling statistics to prove the merit of their cause.

Don't forget the orphans in your holiday remembrances.

ORPHAN SOCIETY ELECTIONS.

Sunday afternoon the annual election of officers of the St. Joseph Orphan Society took place, and on January 9 the following will be installed: President—John Tobie. Vice President—William D. Goda. Recording Secretary—Henry W. Hill. Financial Secretary—Sebastian O. Hubbuck. Corresponding Secretary—Henry J. Rueff. Treasurer—Henry Michael. It was announced that the Christmas celebration will be held at the home January 4.

MAKE A NOTE.

In making note of our charity appeals let us not overlook the Little Sisters of the Poor or the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. They care for the aged and infirm and the unfortunate wayward, and anything given them will help their work for the poor and lighten their burden. Any funds given them will be devoted to a cause most worthy. There are many charities, but none more deserving than those conducted by these good Sisters.

COMING EVENTS.

December 31—New Year eve entertainment, afternoon and night, by ladies of Altar Society, in St. Cecilia's Hall.

ISLE OF THE SHAMROCK.

Isle of the Shamrock, we sing praise to thee,
Sacred thy story, thy rare minstrelsy;
Long, long thy struggle in Freedom's just cause,
Emerald Isle—against Britain's stern laws.
Of thy woes, Ireland, weird dirges are sung,
Fates most unkindly, thy heart-strings have wrung;
The harp that resounded in Tara's great hall
Has long remained mute, covered o'er by a pall—
Erin, proud Erin, what more shall befall?
Shamrock, the emblem of Ireland oppressed,
Hope springs eternal in each loyal breast;
Age after age were thy hopes crucified,
Martyrs and heroes for country have died,
Right has been held in subjection by Might,
Over the sunshine descended the night;
Come back, oh, Erin, to thy perfect day,
Killarney again shall ring mirthful lay.
—Winifred Callahan.

SOCIETY.

Merlin and James Hogan, of Akron, Ohio, are here to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Kate Curran and family have moved into their new home on West St. Catherine street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blanford, of Clifton, will spend the holidays with relatives in Springfield.

Mrs. Anna Gallagher, Vecon Falls, Conn., is the guest of Mrs. William Fawcett in Jeffersonville.

Miss Amanda Rapier, of New Haven, will be the guest of Mrs. R. S. Rapier for the holidays.

Miss Lillian Sweeney, of Bardonia, spent the week-end with Miss Edna Dickerson at Parkview.

Mrs. J. A. Shea, of Camp Knox, is visiting relatives in North Carolina during the Christmas holidays.

Edward J. Aud, of Hammond, Ind., came home last Sunday to remain until after the first of the year.

Mrs. Charles Knight entertained with a theater party Wednesday afternoon, followed by tea at Benedict's.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Charles T. Sullivan will entertain at tea for Misses Mildred Sullivan and Adella Mead.

Miss Carolyn Whitman and Miss Helen Murphy will give a dance December 29 at the Hotel Henry Waterson.

Miss Adelaide Kelly has returned from West Palm Beach, Fla., where she visited Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Donovan for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lee and daughter, Janice, will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alberts, Clifton.

William Kelly returned Friday from Yale University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Kelly.

A large number of friends tendered Mrs. Alvin Malone, Jeffersonville, a delightful surprise party in celebration of her birthday.

Miss Lila Cain, of Detroit, Mich., arrived this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Cain in Jeffersonville.

Misses Frances and Elizabeth Malone returned Monday from the Sacred Heart Convent, Cincinnati, to be with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Malone.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Savage returned this week from the Sacred Heart Academy, Cincinnati, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Savage.

George Kremer, Jr., returned Tuesday from the Hendersonville School at Hendersonville, N. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kremer.

Miss Nora Duffy, who is here for the holidays, entertained with a delightful tea Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duffy, Cherokee Parkway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Stoopler announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Chrysiello Roth, to Andrew Falk, Jr. The wedding will take place in January.

Miss Gertrude Ross entertained the Glimme Bi Club at her home on Coral avenue. Those present were Misses Mary Anne Laney, Mary McDaniel, Dorothy Bush, Margaret Dallas, Marie Pfeiffer, Nellie Callahan, Gertrude Ross.

Mrs. James L. Keegan, of Paducah, was this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gardner, New Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carney, and children, of New Albany, are visiting Mrs. Carney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cowley, at Freeport, Ill.

Miss Norma Elliott entertained the L. M. S. Club at her home. Those present were Misses Ida Miller, Mary Catherine Cudahy, Bernice Lake, Margaret Miller, Catherine Walsh, Marian Miller, Mary Margaret Walsh, Norma Elliott; Messrs. P. J. Murphy, Joe Johnson, Tom Ryan, M. Cravens, George Clayton, P. Duddy, C. Busselle, William Donnelly.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Parker and Lieut. Robert Miller Montagie will take place Monday morning, December 27, at 9 o'clock, at St. Louis Bertrand church, the Rev. Father Heenan officiating. Miss Mary Louise Moran will be Miss Parker's maid of honor and only attendant, and Lieut. Tai's best man will be Lieut. Robert Miller Montagie.

Misses Marie, Ursula and Edna Zebender, who are attending Sacred Heart Academy, will spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. V. M. Zebender, and grandmother, Mrs. Xavier Schuler, in Crescent Hill.

Miss Viola Heffernan arrived this week from Jacksonville, Ill., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Heffernan, in Clifton.

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PASS HOME RULE BILL.

The Irish home rule bill now is safe and will be placed on the statute book this week in a form only slightly amended from the shape in which it first left the House of Commons. The House of Lords Monday, after a brief debate, agreed to all the amendments made to the bill by the Commons. The only amendment discussed by the Lords was that adopted by the Lower House providing that if either area in Ireland refused to set up a Parliament the Government could not make the offer a second time unless within three years after June 1 next; both houses of the British Parliament adopted a resolution asking for it. Earl Biddleton objected to this limit of time and a half year and challenged a division on the question. He was defeated decisively by a vote of 91 to 14, whereupon this and the other Commons amendments were agreed to without further discussion. Owing to a slight modification made in the House of Lords at the suggestions of Lord Birken, the Lord Chancellor, the bill again will have to be submitted to the House of Commons as a formality.

One of the principal changes in the bill made by the Lords is that Senates will be created for both the Northern and Southern Parliaments. As proposed by the Government the question of the method of establishing the Senates was to be left to the decision of the Irish Parliaments. Another modification obtained by the Lords is that instead of the Council of Ireland being nominated by the two Parliaments each Senate will appoint seven of its members and each Parliament thirteen, making a total of forty, while instead of the President of the Council being Lord Chancellor of Ireland, he will be nominated by the Lord Lieutenant on the advice of the crown. The Lords also defeated the proposal that the Irish Parliaments should have the power to levy a surtax. It generally is supposed that the Government regards the bill as the basis for future negotiations, and with this idea has purposely reserved the questions of customs and excise from the bill.

The Irish home rule bill as slightly modified by the House of Lords was adopted by the House of Commons Tuesday. The measure now needs only the royal signature to become a law.

RECENT DEATHS.
Sunday afternoon the Angel of Death called into eternal rest Mrs. Bridget McGuire, widow of Bartley McGuire, and one of the most highly esteemed women of the West End. Mrs. McGuire was seventy years old and resided at 2331 Duncan street. She was a pioneer member and earnest worker for St. Cecilia's church, where the funeral services were held Wednesday morning. Rev. Father Craney celebrating the requiem high mass. She is survived by four sons, Arthur, Leo, John and Michael; McGuire, and two daughters, Miss Catherine McGuire and Mrs. Joseph Hellman, to whom is tendered the sympathy of many friends and acquaintances.

Gloom was spread over the West End when it became known that Patrick Scally, a veteran policeman, had succumbed to a heart attack at his home, 2031 Portland avenue. He was seventy-six years old and retired from the force some years ago with an enviable record. His funeral took place Monday morning from St. Cecilia's church, attended by many sorrowing relatives and friends. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Scally; two daughters, Mrs. William F. Holloran and Mrs. Edward Duffy, and a son, Henry J. Scally.

The death of Mrs. Sally Sherman, sixty-six years old, mother of Elmore Sherman, which occurred Sunday afternoon at St. Anthony's Hospital, caused deep regret to her many friends. Her remains lay in state in Barrett's chapel until Tuesday morning, when the funeral took place from St. John's church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES.
Masses at St. Louis Bertrand's church on Christmas morning will be at the following hours: Low mass at 4:30, high mass at 5, low masses at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock, and high mass at 10:30, followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY.
The masses on the Feast of Christmas at the Church of Our Lady, Thirty-fifth and Third, will be 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 o'clock in the morning. At this church there is a very attractive Christmas crib. All are welcome to visit the church and see the crib and beautiful decorations.

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The Associated Press cables from Rome that the Holy Father, Pope Benedict, has directed that offerings be received in the Catholic churches throughout Christendom December 26 on behalf of destitute children in all countries which are suffering because of the war.

SACRED HEART RETREAT.
The early mass at the Sacred Heart Retreat on Christmas morning will be at 5:30 o'clock. Rev. Father Leander, the Director, who has been giving a series of retreats and missions in other cities, has returned and will assist in the Christmas celebration. On Christmas day Father Adelbert will help Father Berresheim at Holy Trinity, on Kentucky street; Father Frederic will go to Connersville, Ind.; Father Raphael will be at St. Williams, this city, and Father Ignatius at the Good Shepherd's.

SHAWNEE CLUB RUNNERS.
The Shawnee Tennis Club has entered the Y. M. C. A. Christmas race with three runners. Ray Sanders, Bill King and Tom Bulten will run under the green and white colors for the net lovers of the West End. While these men have been training for a comparatively short time, the tennis club is expecting them to be well up toward the front at the finish. All are new to the running game, but in their short period of training have made remarkable progress and can be relied upon to give the winners a tussle. It is expected that club members and quite

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the many robberies and holdups now going on and reporters are forbidden access to the police records. The hardest work done by the police heads is the covering up of the numerous crimes now going on. Daily paper reporters are forbidden to go behind the railing in the Chief's office.

Now we come to the last chapter in a week of troubles for Col. Pett. We need not mention the hundred and one robberies that have occurred or other misfortunes of the police department, but all one can say is that after this week, if the Chief goes on his Bible class lecturing tour, he is a glutton for punishment. But the last chapter referred to is the story of the Keystone in the East End who essayed to play the role of William S. Hart. This is the scenario as the movie men say: "Twas a quiet evening in the soft drink saloon of Robert Brown, 1102 Story avenue. The bartender was leaning on the bar wondering if he could make a living as a soda water dispenser. Three young fellows were shooting a game of pool and discussing what they would get her for Christmas. Two old settlers were sitting at a table talking of the days when you got a big three-plater with a bowl of soup on the side, and comparing notes on their 'rheumatism.' Suddenly the scene changed. In the door staggers a Keystone policeman in full uniform and very much otherwise. White mule or Jersey lightning had done the work.

"Bang, bang," was the greeting to the crowd as his forty-four-caliber revolver registered. First the movie picture policeman shot the goat in the old Rock beer sign, then an imitation of Annie Oakley by trying to shoot the tops off some bottles. Next he turned his attention to the old familiar bar picture, "Custer's Last Stand." With a whoop the Keystone charged on the redskins in the picture and what he did to the picture of Sitting Bull and his followers was a sufficiency. Nothing left of the picture but the frame. But what of the peaceful scene that our hero had hurt in on. The young fellows playing pool knew their cue was to go and they went very hurriedly through the window. The two old settlers that had been suffering with 'rheumatism' were cured suddenly and the way they beat it out Brown's door and down Story avenue would have made Men-o-War look to his laurels. Seven shots in all were fired, and at the end of the seventh shot Patrolman Brown was the master of all he surveyed. Incidentally he was no relation to the Mr. Brown who conducted the place and who departed for help. When the Keystone hurry-up squad arrived, Officer Brown with empty gun was standing in the middle of the place reciting the ever famous selection, "The Face on the Barroom Floor." The end.

CROSSING THE DELAWARE.

It was on Christmas, 1776, that Washington crossed the Delaware river with 2,400 men in boats to attack Trenton, N. J., dealing a severe blow to the British army and scoring a victory that was of vital importance to the American forces.

Gen. Washington, bringing his forces across the waters of the icy Delaware in the darkness of Christmas night, accomplished the perilous passage in safety and without noise. The place is known as McConeky's Ferry. No time was lost and the American forces, safely marshaled on the New Jersey shore and divided into two columns, marched by two separate but communicating roads on the City of Trenton. Washington himself was at the head of the column, the other being under the command of the Irish-American Gen. Sullivan. The American force consisted of well-trained soldiers, and nearly half of them bore Irish names. In the gray mists of the morning when the English and Hessians were awake to the daylight they noticed the rapid approach of unexpected forces, and before much could be done the patriots were in their midst. In less than an hour they were fleeing in every direction. It is said that the surprise and victory were so complete that the names of the American forces were killed, and that their casualties amounted to two deaths caused by the icy waters of the river. The four color standards of a brigade, six brass fieldpieces, 1,200 stands of arms and over a thousand prisoners fell into Washington's hands.

CATHEDRAL FOR ALTOONA.

Bishop McCort has announced his purpose to erect a Cathedral to cost \$1,000,000, at Altoona. He asks every person in the diocese to give at least \$50. No work will be undertaken, the Bishop asserts, until a sum sufficient to justify a start has been received.

By the will of the late Bishop Garvey the residue of his estate has been left to the building fund of the new Cathedral. His "estate" consisted of \$500. For years it had been his practice to draw no salary, his stipend being deposited with the general funds of the diocese.

GIVES CALIFORNIA MISSION.

Rev. E. A. Baxter, formerly stationed at St. Louis Bertrand's church, and who served as an overseas chaplain, was a visitor here this past week on his way home to spend the holidays with relatives in St. Louis. Immediately after the holidays Father Baxter will leave for San Francisco, where he has been assigned to mission work in the month of January.

VISIT SISTER HENRI.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Nalley, of Ruechel, left Thursday for New York to spend the Xmas holidays with their daughter, Sister Henri.

ORDAINS ELEVEN.

Last Saturday eleven young men were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Mundelein at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

FORTY HOURS.

Forty Hours devotion will take place next here at St. Michael's church, 220 South Brook street, beginning with high mass Sunday morning and coming to a solemn close on Tuesday. The beautiful services will be directed by Rev. Father Reinhardt, with priests from other churches assisting.

MAJOR GEN. O'RYAN.

Major Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commander of the New York National Guard, was nominated Monday by President Wilson to be a Major General in the Officers' Reserve Corps. Gen. O'Ryan was a Major General in the army during the war, commanding the Twenty-seventh New York National Guard Division at the front.

FOR EVERY ONE.

This Saturday will be the great feast of Christmas. As is well known, it will be a holy day of obligation. Do not be content with assisting at one mass, but endeavor to be present at several in honor of the Nativity of the Saviour. In all our churches there will be many masses offered at hours to suit the convenience of every one.

HOSPITAL GIVEN SISTERS.

The Murdock Hospital, in Sabotha, Nemaha county, Kans., has been given to the Sisters of St. Joseph by its founder and owner, Dr. Sam Murdock, who will continue as the chief surgeon of the hospital. It is said that some Protestant organization offered \$75,000 for the institution, which will be known as St. Anthony Hospital, when it was learned that Dr. Murdock considered giving it to the Sisters. The formal deed of transfer has been made.

IRAZEN INSOLENCIE.

According to a press dispatch of the past week, the British Government is considering whether it will request the United States Government, in the interests of Anglo-American friendship, to take official notice of the anti-British activities in America of President Eamon De Valera, of the Irish republic, according to a statement made by Andrew Bonar Law of the House of Commons in response to questions. Horatio Bottomley later asked whether the time had not arrived when Great Britain should make serious representations to the American Government that any further toleration of De Valera and the conferring on him of municipal honors was an unfriendly act. The insolence of the proposal can best be measured by supposing that Austria had made representations when Roosevelt, the Hungarian patriot, was welcomed in the United States Senate more than half a century ago. What answer would have returned our country? Have we since developed such a sympathy for tyrants and for tyranny that we would acquiesce in the British insolence toward us today? We do not believe it. We have lost some of our former ideals; we may have now a less noble conception of America as a haven for liberty-loving people of every land; but we still have a sense of independence as a nation that would instantly resent the brazen impudence of Cockney imperialism. A pretty notion of American subservience to British tyranny these men must have who would propose to send a notice to our Government to oust President De Valera. It only shows how far our attitude of official complaisance with the atrocities in Ireland and with the barring of American ships from Irish ports have led Bonar Law and Horatio Bottomley to presume that America is only a British province.

IRISH PROGRESS.

The following is taken from the New York World: "Nineteen runners for New York hotels changed with the duty of hiring Irish immigrant girls for various positions from scullery-work to chambermaid canvassed the stevedores of an arriving liner. There were 170 girls aboard from the Emerald Isle. The runners engaged eight. Most of the others were typewriters, book-keepers or accountants."

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